

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors

June 8, 2010

Present: Chair Bill Bliss, Supervisors Ralph Schmidt, Bob Adelman, Treasurer Carole Houghton and Clerk Barbara Anderson

The guest sign in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Bliss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Add under Residents Concerns JJ Welk; under Road & Bridge add Surveyor and mowing; under Old Business add Discussion of town hall lot; under New Business add Election Judges; and under Planning Commission add Letter to County. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve the agenda with additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Board received a copy of the minutes prior to this meeting for review. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve the minutes of the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting as written.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of May. MOTION: Accept the treasurer’s report for May 2010 with ending balance in all funds of \$145,150.25 and investments totaling \$23,218.37.

RESIDENTS CONCERNS

JJ Welk and Fred Smith (Kego Township) discussed the possibility of a Great Longville Community and Government Center Joint Powers Board for the Longville Elementary School property in Longville. Their concern is what is going to happen to the school property in Longville now that the school has been closed. On the school property are the following: skating rink, ball field, tennis courts, basketball court, pavilion and park play ground. Welk and Smith would like to see the community have access to all the things the land has to offer. They are asking the City of Longville and surrounding townships to discuss the possible ways that this can happen. Bliss asked what the ISD 118 has planned for the property. Welk stated it cost about \$48,000 a year to maintain the school building. What can the building be used for? Does it have to be brought up to ADA code if anything is done to the building? MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Wabedo Township continue with the dialogue about the future plans for the school property in Longville until such time the Board can meet with the electors of the township. Smith stated there will be a meeting on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. at the City Offices. The Wabedo Township board all agreed to go to the meeting. The clerk will post the information needed.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Supervisor’s report – Schmidt reported:

- The third meeting on the school issue schedule for May was not held. Some of us were not notified and we did show up for the meeting. I talked with one of the Supervisors from Trelipe Township, they may drop their involvement.
- Wabedo Township roads are scheduled to have the magnesium chloride applied on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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- Heads up on Island View Drive south loop.  
Lott Excavation will be working on the 800' beyond our present turn around to update to township requirements. Point discussed:  
Work to be done, Ditching, Culverts, Turn around, what to do on the remaining part of this Road.
- Island View drive north end. Power Company and Telephone Company have talked with Herheim.
- Power Company has been out and found the stakes on Island View.

Mowing – Schmidt stated he would like the mowing done by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mower – Schmidt will schedule the annual maintenance check on the mower with Zeigler Cat.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Water Surface Update – Bliss talked to a Minnesota Association of Townships lawyer. He said to be careful. Get everything in writing first. If the township does water surface ordinance have something in writing from the sheriff's department on cost to enforce it. Bliss talked to the county sheriff and the sheriff stated the county does not enforce water surface ordinances unless there is a signed agreement. Enforcement costs and legal costs to prosecute need to be in the agreement. There was a discussion. There is a divided opinion on how the township should proceed. Ron Stokesbary had put together a very helpful handout for the board on this topic. There is a meeting scheduled with the DNR on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at the public landing on Little Boy Lake. There was an in depth discussion about the purchase of buoys and who will put them in, take them out and store them. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Authorize purchase of buoys on the lakes within Wabedo Township with a cap of \$700 per lake. MOTION: The Board of Supervisors of Wabedo Township authorizes the purchase of buoys for individuals or organizations that have received the permits from Cass County Sheriff's department.

Town Hall - Bliss reported that he met with the surveyors from Arro. They will be sending a bill and a map of the high ground on the Averbeck property.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Pay the claims – MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve payment of electronic claim 60410, claims # 8468 through 8478 totaling \$15,654.57, plus payroll.

Ottertail Letter – The Board was not sure why the township received this letter. No action was taken.

Summer Short Courses – MOTION: Bliss/passed: Authorize necessary expenses for the board to attend the short courses put on by Minnesota Association of Townships.

L&R update – Bliss discussed the following items from the L&R meeting. Absentee ballots will be counted by the county in the elections this year. There is a ballot question for the annual meeting – should the supervisors serve six year terms. This will make it that one supervisor is up for election at every election. At the present time one year there are two supervisors up for election at the same time. Clerk and moderator need to sign the annual meeting minutes within 2 days of the meeting.

Election judges – Anderson presented the following names of election judges for training and to serve as election judges at the primary election on August 10<sup>th</sup>: LuAnn Adelman, Joan Abrahamson, Craig Anderson, Gladys Berger, Sue Gehrman, Carole Houghton, Laura Mayer, Sue Moytl, Doris Schmidt, Jan Stokesbary, Dave Trampe, John Weber and Anita Zaske. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve the election judges as listed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Craig Anderson, planning commission chair, stated the commissioners recommend that in the future residents come to the annual meeting to make their request for water surface ordinance.

Variances:

- Marilyn Davis, commissioner, discussed the Jahr variance on Hunter Lake. Wabedo Township Planning commissioners recommend approval with conditions.
- Jack Abrahamson, commissioner, reported on the Maretens Variance on Wabedo Lake. Wabedo Township's planning commissioners recommend approval with conditions.
- Abrahamson discussed the Bayer conditional use permit on Wabedo Lake. The township's planning commissioners recommend the approval of this conditional use permit with conditions.

Letter to Paul Fairbanks – C. Anderson presented a letter to Cass County regarding Ordinances Changes that the planning commission recommends. Bliss and C. Anderson will work together on this letter. A copy of the proposed letter is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Schmidt reported on the North Bay Road. DNR crew will redo main lake public access. The DNR will not get to do the work on North Bay Road as soon as they planned. It will be done by September. The issue the DNR has is the turn around.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Board reviewed the correspondence listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION: Adelman/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, clerk

William C. Bliss, Chair